

School Cafeteria Recycling – Food for Thought!

Take Action Today Workshop

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Waste Reduction and Recycling in School Cafeterias

- ⊕ May save money from avoided disposal
- ⊕ Conserves natural resources, energy
- ⊕ Reinforces classroom lessons
- ⊕ Serves as example to community



Recycle It!

- ⊕ Cardboard boxes
- ⊕ Steel cans
- ⊕ Plastic bottles
- ⊕ Paperboard (e.g., cake and cereal boxes)
- ⊕ Milk cartons??

Milk Bottles vs. Cartons

Milk Bottles

- ⊕ Recyclable
- ⊕ Cost slightly more
- ⊕ Increased consumption

Milk Cartons

- ⊕ Not recyclable yet (compostable)
- ⊕ Cost less
- ⊕ Easier to store and transport



Compost It!

- ⊕ From the kitchen
- ⊕ From the lunch room
- ⊕ From the teachers' lounge

- ⊕ Fruits and vegetables (uncooked)
- ⊕ Bakery waste
- ⊕ Eggshells
- ⊕ Coffee grounds and tea bags

Tray Options

- ⊕ Reusable – preferred
- ⊕ Bamboo, sugarcane, corn – if composting available
- ⊕ Expanded Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam)



Tapping and Stacking

- ⊕ Reduces waste volume significantly
- ⊕ May save money
- ⊕ May be first step in longer-term solution: recycling expanded polystyrene trays
- ⊕ May draw attention to issue and result in reusable trays being offered

Tapping and Stacking

- ⊕ Students tap and stack
- ⊕ Students tap and staff stacks
- ⊕ Staff taps and stacks
- ⊕ Flight attendant model



Thermo-compaction



Waste-free Lunches

- ⊕ Cloth napkins
- ⊕ Thermoses or reusable cups
- ⊕ Reusable containers and utensils
- ⊕ Fresh fruits (e.g., apples, pears)
- ⊕ Lunch boxes
- ⊕ Take only what you'll eat
- ⊕ Offer food, don't automatically put on tray

www.wastefreelunches.org

TerraCycle

⊕ Collect materials

- ⊕ 30,000 brigade collection teams
- ⊕ > 10 million collectors
- ⊕ > 1.8 billion products collected

⊕ Earn money

- ⊕ 2 cents for many types of packaging
- ⊕ Nearly \$1.1 million distributed

⊕ Buy cool products

- ⊕ 166 products available
- ⊕ available at major retailers

YOU COLLECT THIS TRASH...

Brigade See All (28)



Drink Pouch Brigade™

Get paid \$0.02 each

1,010 locations open

40,657 participating locations

START COLLECTING



Candy Wrapper Brigade™

Get paid \$0.02 each

1,924 locations open

8,076 participating locations

START COLLECTING



AVEENO® Beauty Brigade

Get paid \$0.02 each

2,639 locations open

1,361 participating locations

START COLLECTING

BRANDS WE'RE TERRACYCLING...

See All



WE MAKE THESE PRODUCTS...

Products See All (166)



Drink Pouch Backpack

Made from Drink Pouches

BROWSE



Starburst® Insulated Cooler

Made from Candy Wrappers

BROWSE



Cosmetic Pouch

Made from Tubes

BROWSE

AND WHERE TO BUY THEM...

See All



NEWS

See All

Pennington Post - March 03, 2010

Pennington Library to screen green films throughout March

On March 14, the series will continue with director Melissa Kennedy's documentary "Garbage Moguls," which offers an in-depth

Eliminating the idea of waste™

TerraCycle Media Video

TerraCycle

- ⊕ Drink Pouch Brigade™
- ⊕ Cookie Wrapper Brigade
- ⊕ Toasted Chips Brigade
- ⊕ Cell Phone Brigade
- ⊕ AVEENO® Beauty Brigade
- ⊕ Bottle Buddy Brigade™
- ⊕ Writing Instruments Brigade™
- ⊕ Starbucks Coffee Bag Brigade
- ⊕ Sprout® Brigade™
- ⊕ Stonyfield® Yogurt Brigade™
- ⊕ Chip Bag Brigade™
- ⊕ Bear Naked Brigade™
- ⊕ Scott® Brand Brigade™
- ⊕ Scotch Tape Brigade
- ⊕ Malt-O-Meal® Cereal Bag Brigade™
- ⊕ Elmer's Glue Crew Brigade™
- ⊕ Lunch Kit Brigade™
- ⊕ Spreads Brigade™
- ⊕ Candy Wrapper Brigade™
- ⊕ Energy Bar Wrapper Brigade
- ⊕ Kashi Package Brigade™
- ⊕ Huggies® Brand Brigade™
- ⊕ Cork Brigade
- ⊕ Gum Package Brigade™
- ⊕ NEOSPORIN® Tube Brigade
- ⊕ Colgate® Oral Care Brigade™
- ⊕ Home Storage Brigade

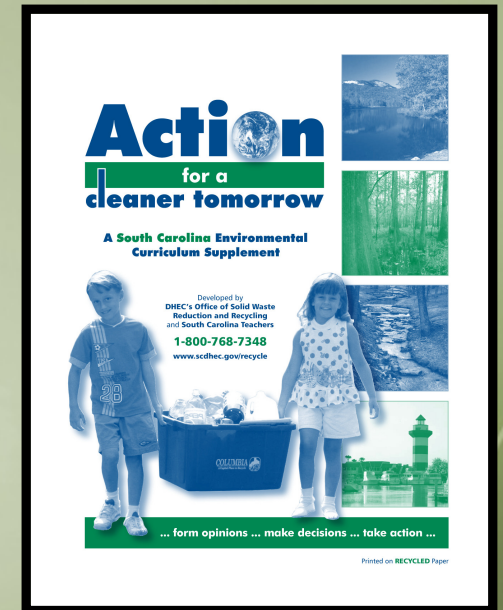
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Education

- ⊕ Faculty meetings
- ⊕ School-wide assemblies
- ⊕ Morning news programs
- ⊕ Classroom presentations
- ⊕ Training of custodial and kitchen staff
- ⊕ Newsletter to parents/community

“Action for a cleaner tomorrow” Supporting Lessons

- ✦ Garbage Snooping
- ✦ Look in Your Garbage Can
- ✦ Recycling 101
- ✦ Environmental Shopping
- ✦ Recycling: A Valuable Lesson



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